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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to BOX AMENDMENT NO FEE, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on 2000. Elie H. Gendloff Reg. No. 44,704 miner: Robert C. Hayes, Ph.D. In re Application of: Johnson et al. Serial No.: 09/220,617 Group Art Unit 1644 Filed: December 24, 1998 RECEIVED For: Persephin and Related Growth Factors MAY 1 0 2000 BOX AMENDMENT NO FEE Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 TECH CENTER 1600/2929 AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. **CLAIMS** HIGHEST NO. ADDED **PRESENT** REMAINING **RATE PREVIOUSLY** FEE **EXTRA AFTER** PAID FOR **AMENDMENT** \$.00 0 \$18.00 20 20 TOTAL 00. 2 \$78.00 0 3 INDEP. \$.00 TOTAL FEES FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS A petition for a month extension of time is enclosed. If an extension or an additional extension of time is required, but is not enclosed, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and charge Deposit Account 18-1829 accordingly. A check in the amount of is attached. No additional fee is required. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 18-1829. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 30, 2000. It is respectfully requested that the claims be amended as indicated and the remarks be entered in this case.

IN THE CLAIMS:

26. (Amended) An isolated and purified persephin [antisense polynucleotide] <u>nucleic acid</u> molecule comprising a sequence complementary to a nucleic acid sequence of claim 10 and capable of

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